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Mr. Scottie R. Edwards  
DOC#: 112192  
3038 West 850 South  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914

*Re: Formal Complaint 11-FC-146; Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Agency*

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This is in response to your formal complaint alleging the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Agency (the "MECA") violated the Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), Ind. Code § 5-14-3-1 *et seq.* City of Indianapolis ("City") Assistant Corporation Counsel Mark A. Mertz responded on behalf of MECA. His response is enclosed for your reference.

In your complaint, you allege that MECA failed to respond to your May 21, 2011, request for information concerning an arrest/detention that occurred in 2001. You claim that MECA never responded to the request.

In response to your complaint, Mr. Mertz states that MECA no longer exists. The City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County repealed the ordinance that established MECA effective May 4, 2011. If MECA does not exist and did not exist when you submitted your request on May 21st, I can find no violation of the APRA in response to your complaint because no public agency exists that is subject to the APRA's requirements. I would encourage you to submit your request to other City agencies that you believe may possess the records you seek.

Best regards,

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cc: Mark A. Mertz